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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Jerome Grant II

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-16 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-16 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

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Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date ____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: ____.

Detailed Action

1.

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Shishido.

With respect to claims 1 and 9, Shishido teaches a method for forming an estimated optical density vs. exposure relationship (as referred to in figure 5) of a film photographic medium (film 48), the method comprising the steps of: determining a reference density vs. exposure relationship for the photographic medium (via the correction circuit 60); performing one measurement of minimum density M1 in one area of minimum density of the photographic medium 9 via memory 68) and forming the estimated density vs. exposure relationship for the film 48 by adjusting the density values (from M1-Mn) of the density vs. exposure relationship according to differences of

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the minimum density values M1-Mn of the reference density exposure relationship (graph of figure 5) from the measured density values of the film 48.

With respect to claims 2 and 10, Shishido teaches exposure values which are provided along the x-axis.

With respect to claims 3 and 11, as best can be determined, Shishido teaches the signals are transmitted by circuits 60 and 62.

With respect to claims 4 and 12, Shishido teaches measuring an average density vs exposure relationship for plural samples (prescanning according to col. 4, lines 33-52 and main scanning according to col. 4, lines 53-55), or determining the relationship based on product specifications as suggested by step S14 of figure 7. See also equation 2 regarding the averaging.

With respect to claims 5 and 13, the unexposed area is measured for all frames. See lower left portion of figure 5, which includes between frames.

With respect to claims 6 and 14, this limitation is inherent since all of the film 48 includes any existing perforations on the film).

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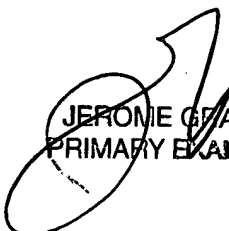
With respect to claims 7 and 15, this limitation is inherent since beginning and end of the film is read by scanner 54.

With respect to claims 8 and 16, multiple areas and measurements are taken because both a prescan and a regular scan of the film areas are conducted, see col. 4, lines 33-55.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jerome Grant II whose telephone number is 703-305-4391. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon.-Fri. from 9:00 to 6:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kimberly A Williams, can be reached on 703-305-4863***. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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